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## NEWSPAPER COMMENTS ON THE ALEXANDER PARDON

The Stanford Interior-Journal says editorially: "Gov. Morrow has pardoned Geo. Alexander, the Paris banker, whose peculations made poor hundreds of Bourbon county people. Every Governor since Alexander's incarceration has been importuned to extend clemency to him, but it remained for our Republican friend to free the man, who by high living and a lavish expenditure of money for women and wine, wrecked many homes of his home town. Gov. Morrow gives as his reason for granting the pardon that 'justice is satisfied.' May be it is, but the people and the law are not. Their wishes are certainly due some consideration."

The Cynthiana Democrat says: "Comment is superfluous on Gov. Morrow's pardon of George Alexander, the well Paris banker whose peculations, that he might scatter \$5 tips among New York bell boys and lead a high life with wine, women and song, wrecked the fortunes of the poor and needy, the halt, the lame and the blind. The record speaks for itself. The people know the Governor based his campaign for election largely on the alleged abuse of the pardoning power by his Democratic predecessors. The Democratic Governors refused to pardon Alexander."

## COLD CHECK WORKER ARRESTED

Charged with passing worthless and "cold" checks at a number of business houses in this city, a young man giving the name of William Burden, and residence as Carlisle, was taken into custody, Tuesday, by Chief of Police Fred Link, and placed in the Paris jail, where he still lingers as a guest.

It is alleged that Burden gave three checks, for \$50 each, drawn on a Paris bank, which he presented at different business houses, in exchange for bills of goods he had purchased at each place. He received the difference between the amounts of his purchases and the face of the checks in cash, and took his departure. The checks were returned afterward as "cold ones." Burden, who is about twenty-two years old, will be given a hearing in the County Court before County Judge Batterton.

## GRADED SCHOOL BUILDING DESTROYED BY FIRE

The new graded school building at Elizabeth, Fleming county, was almost completely destroyed by fire Tuesday. The fire originated from the furnace. The Flemingsburg fire department went to Elizaville, but were unable to save the building. The loss was more than \$20,000, with \$10,000 insurance.

## MODERN HOTEL MAY BE BUILT HERE

Having reached the decision that his property, the old Ficklen building lot, on Main street, is too valuable for hotel purposes, Edward Simms, of Paris, and Beaumont, Texas, announced recently that as soon as the work of razing the old building had been finished, and the lot cleared, it would be replaced with a business house of another character. This sets at rest the rumors that have been in circulation for some time regarding the possible erection of a modern hotel building there.

Several months ago a group of business men were at luncheon in the Stout Cafe, when the subject of a modern hotel for Paris, and the urgent need of such, became the main topic of discussion. It was proposed to organize a stock company, sell shares in same at figures that would enable anyone to invest in the enterprise, and place the affair on a solid basis. The project was thoroughly discussed from every possible angle and the conclusion arrived at that the project was feasible. Nothing was done in the matter, which was left open for further action.

It has lately been revived and on Tuesday at a meeting of well-known business men and farmers the project was given a new impetus, due to the decision of Mr. Simms not to build. It is said that one of the best-known and most prominent farmers of the county is taking the lead in the matter and is making a canvass of the business men and wealthy farmers of the county, having in view the erection of a modern hotel. Several sites for the building are under consideration, and options have been secured on them, although the exact location will be determined later. It was stated yesterday that taking of stock subscriptions will begin in a few days. It is probable that the sum of \$300,000 will be raised for the purpose of erecting and equipping the hotel.

\$1,000.00

Is still needed to complete the campaign for the Massie Hospital. We received a check yesterday for \$1,000.00 from a gentleman from another county. Let everybody who has not subscribed finish it up.

## RECEIVES PROMOTION

Charles H. Sousley, Louisville & Nashville railroad brakeman, has received notice of his promotion to the position of freight conductor. Mr. Sousley is very popular with the railroad men of this city, all of whom are glad to hear of his promotion.

## PARDONED BANKER WILL GO EAST TO RESIDE

According to information received from Cincinnati, George Alexander, who was pardoned Monday by Gov. Edwin Morrow, after serving five years in the Frankfort Reformatory, will go to New York to make his home in the future.

Mr. Alexander, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Kate Alexander, arrived in Cincinnati, Monday night. There he was met by Mrs. Alexander, who had been in the East for some months, and there was an affectionate family reunion at the home of friends in Cincinnati, where they expect to remain a few days until it is decided where they will make their future home. It is understood that Mr. Alexander has an offer from a large financial firm in New York.

News of the pardon, as told in Tuesday's edition of THE NEWS, was received in Paris with the almost unanimous approval of the action of Governor Morrow in granting him his freedom. It was the general opinion here that he had been made to suffer for his wrongdoings all that was possible, and that he should be given a chance to spend his remaining years outside of prison walls.

Governor Morrow said in pardoning Alexander that he believed "every purpose of the law has been fully met—the punishment and the warning to others."

The Governor recited in his reasons that the prosecution before his conviction offered to take a confessed judgment and fix the penalty at five years, the length of time he has been in prison. He enumerated among the petitions for clemency one signed by the twelve jurors, a letter from Victor Bradley, Commonwealth's Attorney, who said: "I feel that this conviction and imprisonment satisfies the law." Another from Circuit Judge Robert L. Stout, who said: "The Commonwealth agreed to accept a conviction with five years' confinement. If the State evidenced a disposition to be then satisfied with five years, why should it now be disposed to exact a greater penalty?" A petition signed by 75 per cent. of the depositors of the bank, another signed by 50 citizens of Bourbon county, one signed by leading citizens of Fayette county and a recommendation by other prominent people.

While in prison Alexander had kept books at the shirt factory. He had been expecting his pardon.

The Cincinnati Enquirer of Wednesday had the following: "George Alexander, Paris, Ky., banker, who was pardoned from the Kentucky penitentiary by Governor Edwin P. Morrow, Monday, is passing a few days in Cincinnati with friends."

"I was treated with every consideration while in confinement," said said Mr. Alexander, "and I have no complaint to make of any one. More than 70 per cent. of the amount lost by depositors in the failure of my bank has been restored to them, and I feel confident that after pending court proceedings they will get every cent due them. I shall remain in Cincinnati a few days and then go to New York, where I expect to establish connections with a financial institution."

"During his confinement Mr. Alexander lost nearly 150 pounds, but he appears well, aside from the prison pallor, which he expects soon will disappear."

## GEO. ALEXANDER BANK LOSES BIG SUIT

The Federal Court in Cincinnati yesterday decided against the State Banking Department in its suit to recover from the Fifth-Third National Bank of Cincinnati about \$40,000, proceeds of collateral held for loans to the George Alexander Bank, Paris, in hands of the department for liquidation.

Refusing to follow the Kentucky Court of Appeals in the American National case, the court held that the department could not come back on the bank until all other resources had been exhausted.

State Banking Commissioner Speer contended that Alexander had exceeded the limit of his borrowing capacity at the Fifth-Third and the collateral in excess of the amount of the legal loan belonged among the bank's assets.

## SADDLE HORSE BREEDERS HOLD MEETING TO-DAY

The American Saddle Horse Breeders' Association will hold its annual convention to-day, at the Hotel Henry Watterson, in Louisville. The association was founded in 1891, and Gen. John B. Castleman was president of the organization until his death. Claude M. Thomas, of Paris, is now president of the association.

A feature of the meeting will be an address by Wayne Dismore, secretary of the Horse Association of America. Mr. Dismore will urge upon members the great necessity of more attention to the breeding of horses in this county. He will argue that the demand for good horses for pleasure and work will continue to be in demand. Members of the association of Kentucky, will urge more interest in breeding saddle horses which will continue to meet with a brisk demand from all over the world.

It has just about gotten so in this country that some men don't think they had a good night's rest if they didn't dream they had a drink

## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Harris, Speakes & Harris, real estate dealers, sold Tuesday the home of Ed. Speakes, located on Mt. Airy avenue, to J. D. Gray, of Bourbon county, for \$3,600. Mr. Gray will get possession in a few days.

Harry L. Mitchell & Son, real estate dealers, sold for Miss Lillian Dillon a house and lot located on Nineteenth street, to B. C. Mullins, for \$3,000. Mr. Mullins will occupy the property as soon as possession is given.

Mrs. Denis Dundon sold Wednesday through the Harris, Speakes & Harris real estate agency, a house and lot located on Henderson street, to Sam Griffin for \$3,500. The same agency sold for E. E. Landis the house and lot located on Walker avenue, known as the Saloshin property, to Miss Lelia B. Dillon, for about \$4,000.

Martin O'Neill, of the firm of O'Neill & Martin, has purchased of Wm. H. Whaley Jr., for a private price, the three-story brick warehouse on Pleasant street, now occupied by R. B. Hutchcraft & Co., and long known as the A. Shire warehouse. It is stated that Mr. O'Neill, who owns the property adjacent to his recent purchase, will improve the places, converting both into one, to be used in the wood-working and blacksmithing business. Their present location, the Hughes property, at the corner of Third and Pleasant streets, may become the property of Edward Simms, who now owns the adjoining lot, and may become a part of the big business block which rumor says Mr. Simms is planning to erect.

## MASSIE HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN

After a long pull and a strong pull the Massie Memorial Hospital fund has reached a point where the goal is in sight, although the solicitors have not completely abandoned their efforts to get the money. The fund is now about \$1,000 short of its objective, \$20,000, and a strong effort is being made to secure this amount in a few days, so as to close the campaign.

The aims and objects of the campaign for this fund have been so often set forth here that they need no repetition. But the need of finishing the campaign will bear repetition, and we are here to repeat it—the Hospital needs the money, and Paris needs the Hospital—so let's get busy, everybody this week, now, and bring in this remaining \$1,000, making glad the hearts of all connected with the campaign.

The following is an additional list of subscriptions to the fund, received since the last published report:

W. E. Simms, Spring Station	\$1,000.00
J. S. Wiggins	20.00
Miss Lizzie Grimes	20.00
Miss Frances V. Butler	5.00
Miss Mary Spears, Treas.	26.00
Paris Literary Club	15.00
Mrs. Amos Turney, Sec.	15.00
Misses May and Lucy Colville	5.00
Calvin Jones	25.00

## PARIS HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The most elaborate commencement exercises in the history of the school is being planned for the coming June for the Paris High School. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached at the Paris Christian church, on Sunday morning, June 6, by Dr. F. E. Snoddy, of the Transylvania College, at Lexington. The address to the class of 1920 will be delivered at the High School auditorium on Thursday morning, June 10, at ten o'clock, by Rev. W. E. Ellis, pastor of the Paris Christian church.

Prof. Edward Saxon, of Transylvania College, is busily engaged in directing the study and rehearsals of the Senior class in the play, "Stop Thief," which they are to produce as a commencement feature. The Class Day program will be full of surprising and pleasing features. A homecoming of all Paris High School graduates is among the many events being planned for the commencement week of P. H. S.

Miss Virginia Slade, the accomplished elocutionist and reader, who has achieved more than local fame, will appear at the Paris High School auditorium this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in a special program for the children of the school. In the evening Miss Slade will give an interpretation of the well-known play, "Within the Law." The evening prices have been placed at twenty-five cents for children, and fifty cents for adults. Miss Blanding will sing. This will be one of the most attractive and pleasing programs that has ever been presented at the P. H. S., and Miss Slade should be greeted with a large and representative audience of Paris people. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the P. H. S. Library and the Victoria Fund.

## POSTOFFICE DISCONTINUED

The postoffice at Lair, in Harrison county, which has been in operation about a half-century, has been discontinued. Nobody wanted the job of postmaster. Patrons of the office will be served by Rural Routes 1 and 9, out of Cynthiana.

## PAINT-UP-CLEAN-UP WEEK BEGINS NEXT MONDAY

In accordance with the request of the State authorities and the proclamation recently issued by Mayor E. B. January, the week of April 12-17, has officially been designated as "Paint-Up and Clean-Up Week." During this week the people of Paris are asked to make a thorough overhauling of their premises and rid them of the winter's accumulation of dirt and rubbish, and brighten up the places by the liberal use of paint and whitewash.

City carts and wagons will make the rounds of the city on Wednesday morning, April 14, to gather up the rubbish, which must be deposited at convenient places for the drivers. Unless this is done the carts and wagons will not make a second trip to the same place, but the occupants or owners of the premises will be required to have the stuff hauled away at their own expense.

Cleanliness, sanitation, beautification, conservation and safety are all civic synonyms. They symbolize good citizenship, and good citizenship is good business. Though the annual loss through lack of painting is greater than the annual loss by fire, cleaning up and painting up is a long step toward the prevention of fire, which costs the nation \$250,000,000 annually. This campaign rids homes and business houses of accumulations or rubbish that are fire menaces to every community. Remember that all fires are the same size at the start. At the same time, the alleys should be cleaned, fences and sheds should be repaired, vacant lots should be cleaned and tin cans, paper, and weeds removed. This work also should be carried on inside the house. Painting or varnishing makes things last longer.

## LAST CHANCE

To get in on as good a thing as a contribution to the Massie Hospital. Get in line and don't shove.

## ODD FELLOWS' DISTRICT MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

The Seventh District meeting of the Odd Fellows lodges will be held in this city next Monday night, April 12. The Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers and delegates representing about fifteen lodges in the district will be in attendance. The members of Bourbon Lodge and Odd Fellows in Bourbon and adjoining counties are cordially invited to attend this meeting. All Past Grand's who have not had the Grand Lodge degree conferred can receive it at this meeting by applying to the secretary, William A. Lail, who will furnish proper credentials. Let every Odd Fellow in the county be in attendance.

## MEETING OF D. A. R.

One of the most interesting meetings of the Jemima Johnson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was the one held at the court house recently. There was a large attendance and great interest was manifested in the program, which was one of unusual excellence.

After transaction of the routine business, Mrs. J. Taylor Sharrard read from The Register, the official organ of the Kentucky Historical Society, an article concerning the aid the Government is offering its wounded soldiers. The issues to be brought before the meeting of the Continental Congress or National Convention of the D. A. R., to be held soon in Washington, D. C., were discussed and explained by Mrs. Wade H. Whitley. Mrs. Whitley also spoke of the prospective President-General of the order, Mrs. Minor, of Massachusetts, and of the Vice-President, one of whom is a native of Kentucky, Mrs. Christopher D. Chenault, now acting Regent of Kentucky.

A beautiful memorial service, honoring the memory of the late Mrs. Samuel J. Shackelford, of Frankfort, the State Regent, who died a few days ago, was conducted by the Chapter, under the direction of Mrs. Charlton Alexander. The program closed with reading of several appropriate poems by Miss Reba Lockhart.

## NOTES FROM Y. M. C. A.

The following boys have been appointed delegates to the Older Boys' Conference at Cynthiana, April 9, 10 and 11, Paris: Methodist church: Bryan Doty, Wm. McIntire, Leslie O'Neill and Cletis Chipley; Baptist church: Tom Spicer, Willard Tucker and Craig Tucker; Christian church: Usery Wilder, Will Burris, Robt. Frank and Houston Jacoby; Presbyterian: James McClintock, Ray Cahal, Chas. White, Jack Lair, Peck Fisher, John Dundon and J. Miller Dundon; from Millersburg: Clarence Thompson, Clarence Riggs and Reese Ingels. The remainder of the names from the county are yet to be reported. Mr. L. F. Zerfoss, in charge of the conference, was in Paris, Tuesday, and reported about 125 boys enrolled up to date from this district.

## TROUBLES OF NEWSPAPERS

The Stanford Interior-Journal says: "Overlook, please, the small paper to-day. Only a four-week's supply of newspaper paper on hand, and not an ounce to be obtained from either Cincinnati or Louisville, makes it necessary to conserve and make what we have go as far as possible. These are reconstruction days, it must be remembered."

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